The Cleveland Museum of Art

The Cleveland Museum of Art Announces Solstice 2014

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Popular summer music festival features internationally recognized artists on June 21

CLEVELAND (May 2, 2014) — The Cleveland Museum of Art presents Solstice, Cleveland's hottest summer music festival, on Saturday, June 21 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Cleveland Museum of Art. In its sixth year, Solstice guests will have an opportunity to enjoy dynamic and cutting-edge music from around the world and preview *Yoga: The Art of Transformation,* the ground-breaking exhibition that explores yoga's visual history.

"Solstice is always such a great night in the museum, and in the city, and our favorite way to kick off the summer," said Tom Welsh, director of City Stages.

This year's Solstice features music simultaneously on two stages. The atrium stage will feature innovative musicians and DJs including Kouyaté-Neerman, DJ Arkin Allen and Awesome Tapes From Africa. The outdoor stage on the museum's south terrace will feature bands including Very Be Careful, Suphala, Salar System and Mercan Dede & Secret Tribe. After sundown, the museum building comes alive with visuals by the Joshua Light Show.

Tickets for Solstice will go on sale to museum members on Monday, May 5 at 9:00 a.m. and to the public on Monday, May 12 at 9:00 a.m. The 8 p.m. entry tickets are available for $60 per person, $40 for museum members. Limited quantities of $30 tickets with an entry time of 10:30 p.m. will also be available. Tickets are available at www.clevelandart.org.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase throughout the evening.

Solstice is sponsored by United Airlines, Great Lakes Brewing Company, Thompson Hine, Dix & Eaton and Column & Stripe.

Artist Line-Up
In order of appearance, times subject to change.

Very Be Careful
8:00 p.m., South Terrace Stage
With a Caribbean soul and a California heart, Very Be Careful from Los Angeles plays Colombian vallenato music and traditional cumbia sound that center around the accordion, backed with percussion and bass.

Kouyaté-Neerman
8:00 p.m., Atrium Stage

Lansiné Kouyaté, balafon maestro from Mali, teams up with David Neerman, electric vibraphonist, to create a hypnotic trance with a unique sonic landscape that goes beyond African music, rock, jazz and electro.

Suphala
9:15 p.m., South Terrace Stage
Suphala, one of the most versatile young tabla artists today, combines an unparalleled technical command of her instrument with a playful sense of experimentation as she switches effortlessly between composing, producing and performing.

DJ Arkin Allen
9:15 p.m., Atrium Stage
DJ Arkin Allen (from Turkey) continuously creates live electronic sounds, beats and spin magical, trance melodies from Tribal Techno, Deep House to Progressive.

Salar System
10:30 p.m., South Terrace Stage
Salar System is an extraordinary ensemble of internationally recognized musicians of Central Asian heritage, consisting of Tabla, Afghan Dhol, Dholak, Rubab, Doyra, vocals and electronics. Combining melody, rhythm, poetry and dance, Salar System tracks an evocative journey of cross-cultural communication and exchange.

Awesome Tapes From Africa
11:00 p.m., Atrium Stage
Awesome Tapes From Africa is Brian Shimkovitz, a leading exponent of African music who as a DJ brings a global perspective to the dance floor. A true ethnomusicologist, Brian started the Awesome Tapes From Africa blog in 2006 to encourage outsiders' appreciation of the breadth of musical subcultures in Africa which he discovered while travelling there. Brian has played an important role in promoting access to African music outside the continent.

Mercan Dede & Secret Tribe
11:45 p.m., South Terrace Stage
Arkin Ilicali is a composer, ney and bendir player, DJ and producer from Turkey known worldwide. He has shared the stage and played producer to various notable names from the genres of classical, world and alternative music.

Joshua Light Show
Sunset until late, South Terrace Stage
Joshua Light Show has been offering the most psychedelic visual experiences on stage for legendary party sequences since the 70s. Now with the participation of new collaborators, Joshua Light Show regenerates their visual art for the 21st century.

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About the Cleveland Museum of Art

The Cleveland Museum of Art is renowned for the quality and breadth of its collection, which includes more than 63,000 artworks and spans 6,000 years of achievement in the arts. The museum is a significant international forum for exhibitions, scholarship and performing arts and is a leader in digital innovations. One of the top comprehensive art museums in the nation, recognized for its award-winning Open Access program and free of charge to all, the Cleveland Museum of Art is located in the University Circle neighborhood.

The museum is supported in part by residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture and made possible in part by the Ohio Arts Council (OAC), which receives support from the State of Ohio and the National Endowment for the Arts. The OAC is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally and economically. For more information about the museum and its holdings, programs and events, call 888-CMA-0033 or visit cma.org [1].

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